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Civil Plane by HAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) proposes to pilot civil a plane;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the HAL was able to make it with some help from Indian and foreign majors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): In December, 2012, erstwhile Planning Commission recommended formation of a Joint Venture (JV) between Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and private sector for design and development of a civil aircraft. However, the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) / JV formation between HAL and National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) under CSIR could not be progressed as envisaged owing to policy issues in NAL.

(c) & (d): HAL has floated a global "Request for Information" (RFI) for selection of an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) partner to manufacture 50-80 seater aircraft.
In addition, HAL proposes to offer its DO-228, 19 seater civil version aircraft in the Air-Taxi Role.
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